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TOPIC Military Information from Stendal

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DATE OF CONTENT 21 April to 1 May 1952

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REMARKS

SOURCE 25X1X

1. On 23 April 1952, only little activity, no training and only a small number of motor vehicles were noticed at the Tauentzien Kaserne on Osterburgerstrasse, Stendal. Sixteen trucks each carrying between 18 and 20 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets and armed with small arms left the installation toward the Arnim training field at about 7 a.m. and returned at about 7 p.m.

2. On 25 April, the Hindenburg Kaserne on Schillerstrasse was occupied by about 2,000 troops. Sentries seen there wore black-bordered crimson epaulets and red-bordered black epaulets. Two buildings were vacant. About 200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia, in six platoons marched from the installation toward Uenglingen, carrying small arms and targets. Only little training activity of about 210 troops in groups without arms was noticed in the installation. Four trucks each carrying 20 troops wearing black-bordered red epaulets and armed with small arms, and each towing a 120-mm mortar left the installation toward the town on 21 April.

3. On 24 April, the Albrecht der Baer Kaserne on Friedrich Ebert Strasse was occupied by only about 400 troops. Sentries seen there wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. Heavy imprints of motor vehicles and tanks led from the installation toward Wahnburg. Source learned from residents in Staats and Vinzelberg that units with tanks and SP guns were located in tents and earth bunkers in the woods south of the Panzer Kaserne in Staats and therefore concluded that the troops involved had been from the Albrecht der Baer Kaserne.

4. On 1 May, the Tauentzien Kaserne on Osterburgerstrasse, was not occupied to capacity. Sentries seen there wore red-bordered black epaulets. Twenty soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets entered the installation. No motor vehicle traffic was noticed.

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5. A tent camp was seen in the woods between Stendal and Dahlen, southwest of Stendal. Small groups constructed telephone lines. No parked motor vehicles were seen. [REDACTED]

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25X1A * [REDACTED] Comment. The information indicates that, beginning April 1952, the units stationed in Stendal either moved to training fields in the vicinity of their posts or went to Letzling Heath for periods of individual days as they had done in 1951. The tent camp about 5 km southwest of Stendal was previously reported by [REDACTED] in

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25X1A [REDACTED] The decreased occupation of the Albrecht der Baer Kaserne may be due to the transfer to the barracks installation in Stants or some other place nearby of components of the 16th (?) Gds Tank SP Regt of the 207th Itz Rifle Div. No other changes were noticed in the occupation of the three installations. [REDACTED]

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